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Letter dated 10 March 2009 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to certain distortions and allegations made against the peaceful nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran by certain Security Council members, in particular the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France, at the 6090th meeting of the Council, held on 10 March 2009, I wish to state the following:

The Islamic Republic of Iran has always been a committed member of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) regime and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme has been confirmed by the realities on the ground as well as various IAEA reports, which, inter alia, stress that "the Agency has been able to continue to verify the non-diversion of declared nuclear material in Iran". Also, the Director General of IAEA has stressed in several of his statements that "there is no evidence that Iran's enrichment of uranium is intended for a military nuclear programme".

Moreover, by its robust and extensive cooperation with IAEA, the Islamic Republic of Iran has not only made it possible for the Agency to have thousands of person/day inspections of Iranian nuclear facilities, it has also concluded and implemented, with utmost seriousness, a workplan with the Agency that has led to the resolution and closure of all six outstanding issues. The reports of IAEA, including the latest ones, clearly attest to the exclusively peaceful nature of the nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran, both in the past and at present. The said reports also show that Iran is fully committed to its international obligations with regard to its peaceful nuclear programme and has been cooperating with the Agency in a responsible and transparent manner. Iran's cooperation with IAEA has gone far beyond its treaty obligations and the latest report of the Agency attests to this important fact by stating that "Since March 2007, a total of 21 unannounced inspections have been carried out at the fuel enrichment plant (FEP)". In its reports, the Agency has also emphasized, several times, its conclusion that "Iran's statements are consistent with other information available to the Agency".

By resolving the last six outstanding issues according to the agreed workplan on the one hand, and conducting its present activities under the full

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and continuous monitoring of IAEA, based on the Agency's statute, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the comprehensive safeguards agreement on the other, the Islamic Republic of Iran has removed any so-called concerns or ambiguities with regard to its peaceful nuclear activities in the past and at present and therefore the distortions and allegations made against my country's peaceful nuclear programme, including those made in today's meeting of the Council, are entirely groundless.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has taken various steps to allay any possible concerns about the issue and has stressed, time and again, its support for meaningful, non-conditional and serious negotiations.

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Eshagh **Al Habib**
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